Mobile hospital plan

1691. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's mobile hospital plan, conceived after Gujarat earthquake and super cyclone in Orissa, has not been able to take a concrete shape, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the completion of the plan, indicating the budget earmarked and the time limit fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is procuring a self contained, container based mobile hospital. The Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Ltd. [HSCC(I)], a Government of India Enterprise, the procurement consultant, has invited International Competitive Bids. Subject to the technical evaluation of the bids conforming to the laid down standards, procurement procedures would be initiated by HSCC(I) and commissioning is likely to be completed by the end 2005.

Necessary budget provision has been earmarked in the 10th Plan for this project under the Scheme for Health Sector Disaster Preparedness and Management.

More funds for States for health mission

1692. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have expressed a desire for -« more funds for their health missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;